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REMARKS

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- 25X1 1. Two biplanes, two fighters with in-line engines, six fighters with radial engines, and thirty jet fighters with swept back wings of the same type as those seen in Oranienburg (N 53/Z 67), were counted at the Grossenhain (N 52/A 01) airfield at 9:30 a.m. on 23 May 1950. Local flying by single-engine fighters and biplanes started at 9:45 a.m. The first jet plane took off at 11:12 a.m. when the sky was almost clear. The ground take-off time lasted 15 seconds, using a runway length of about 1 km. Jet planes continually made local flights until 2:30 p.m. Individual fighters and biplanes flew at 5:15 p.m. *
- 25X1 2. It was raining on 24 May 1950 and there was no flying. A new tank installation was being constructed in the northern section of the field. Fuel containers with an estimated capacity of 8,000 to 10,000 liters were being installed, practically underground. ** A building with a large gate was on a hill, 300 meters from the new tank installation. A cabin with an antenna was behind the building a little further down the hill. The installation was believed to be a DF station. A tower with two platforms was in front of the building. ***

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25X1 Comment. The occupation of the field by jet planes, type 14, is known. A total of about 60 aircraft is estimated to be stationed there. The planes are assigned to two fighter regiments. Some of the LA-9s, previously used at the field, are apparently still stationed there.

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25X1 ** [redacted] Comment. First report of the installation of fuel tanks. [redacted]

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25X1 *** [redacted] Comment. The installation is a radar set of the same type as was observed at all airfields occupied by the headquarters of a fighter division. The set was previously reported from Grossenhain. It was, however, not observed on 6 May 1950 when the last observation was made but was probably temporarily dismantled. [redacted]

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25X1 [redacted] The cabin not far from the radar set is presumably the servicing station, where the generating units of the set are also possibly installed. The wooden tower, presumably an observation or AAA tower, was confirmed [redacted]

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